

Churches Together Youth Trust Newsletter Autumn 2023



NETWORK
YOUTH CHURCH

Pizza Party

On Friday October 6th Chris & Andrea led a Pizza Party for years 5 & 6's. The evening was held at St Mary's Church, 13 young people attended. They were grateful for the small team of volunteers who helped make it happen.

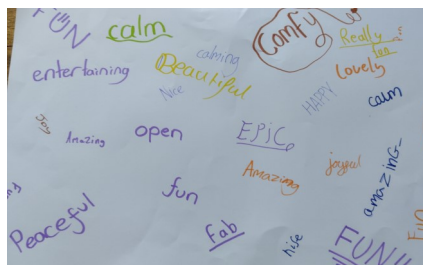
There were games including dodge ball, limbo dancing and some relay races. We ate pizza and ice cream. There was also worship and a talk led by Janice Tindale. The hope is to start a regular group for year 5 & 6's in the future.

Year 7 & 8's at Cartmel Priory School

Chris & Andrea have started a 'Year 7 & 8 Chill Out' at Cartmel Priory School. The drop in takes place on Thursday lunch times. There are games, craft and a space to just chill-out and chat. At the time of writing we have had 30 plus young people come and visit the space both weeks with many of them staying all lunch time. The second week there was not a spare seat in the classroom and it was a shame to see young people leaving as they couldn't find a space to sit. We look forward to seeing what

happens as we move forward.

Here are responses of attendees when asked for one word to describe the group.



Teamwork at the Priory

Around 150 years 5 & 6's attended Priory Day on October 3rd. This year the event was organised by a small group comprising of Jenny Leahy, Jo Rand, Hazel Edmundson and Chris. However, the day was an all round team effort, with people from around the South Lakes pulling together to help the event happen.

The day centred around the parables of the kingdom of heaven. There was craft, worship, drama, a prayer space, games in the Methodist Church and an out door treasure hunt. At the end of the day, Andrea was introduced to the young people. Below is most of the team of volunteers that helped make the day happen.



Year 7 Worship

Chris & Andrea have been taking Year 7 Worship at Cartmel Priory School. Every Monday they lead the assembly which is themed on a topic decided by the school. The last assembly before half term looked at animal cruelty.

Andrea talked about a beetle that is harvested and used as a colouring for foods, make up and some clothes. In the light of Genesis 1 v 21, we asked the question whether that was right and what could we do better to look after animals. It is great that we can reconnect with the Year 7's on a Thursday.

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14 v 6**

The Big One youth event took place at The Pencil Factory in Penrith and around 170 young people from across Cumbria met to enjoy the day. The highlights were a large dry ice skating ring, a variety of inflatables and a silent disco. The day ended with a time of worship and a talk from Network Youth Leader Ruth Hitchinson from Ulverston.

The hope is to have a follow up event in September 2024 and so watch this space. It would be good to get a coach load of young people from the Cartmel Peninsula to the event next year.

Primary Schools

Andrea is very involved in the Primary Schools across the Peninsula. She does monthly assemblies at Allithwaite and Flookburgh Schools and is starting a 'Jesus & Me' club at Cartmel Primary School. She will also be doing assemblies at Lindale, Cartmel and Leven Valley schools.

Together with Merv & Chris, she met with all the head teachers across the peninsula and they are all very grateful for the support that CTYT and Network Youth Church offers.

Please Pray & Give Thanks For: -

- Thanks for the openness to Andrea's Ministry. After only 6 weeks she has built good relationships with all the schools.
- Thanks for the pizza party that took place earlier in October, please pray for the light party taking place on the 31st October.
- We are thankful by the numbers of young people coming to the year 7 & 8 Drop In at Cartmel Priory School, please pray for wisdom as they move forward.
- We are considering starting an 'After School Drop In' in Flookburgh village, pray for wisdom as we think through ideas.

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ST MARY'S CHURCH
ALLITHWAITE

LIGHT PARTY

31ST OCTOBER
4-6PM

HOT DOGS, GAMES, CRAFTS,
BIBLE THOUGHT, DRESSING UP
COMPETITION (LIGHT THEMED
OUTFIT), MUSIC AND
MARSHMALLOWS.

CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED
BY AN ADULT.
FREE EVENT - DONATIONS
WELCOME TO HELP WITH THE
COSTS.

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Toast Church

Join us for breakfast
at Toast Church!

Craft Fun Songs
Activities Games
and...

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Grange Methodist Church hall
9:30 am on Sundays
Parents welcome (not just for kids)

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We Need Your Financial Support?

We are very grateful for the churches and individuals that have given to support the work of the Churches Together Youth Trust. However in order to keep this vital ministry going we need further financial support on a monthly basis. We have a sizeable deficit and although we have enough funds for the next three years, beyond that is uncertain. Funds go towards half of the salary of the Community & Youth Leader as well as day to day expenses of projects. Please contact Charles Rowsell priorsyeat@hotmail.com indicating how much you are willing to give. He will give you the relevant bank and gift aid details.